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January 2, 1849.—439

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I AM now receiving my Spring Stock of Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Leather and Shoe Findings, together with a large and beautiful assortment of Carpet Bags and Satchels, which were selected with great care.
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Portsmouth, March 19, 1850.—50.

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Proprietors.
SUCCESSORS TO G. W. H. EVANS, corner of Broadway and Front streets, immediately opposite the steamboat landing, and opposite the Railroad Office, Cincinnati, Ohio.
The house having undergone a thorough repair, the proprietors are prepared and determined to accommodate the traveling public in a satisfactory manner.
April '50.—4

Funeral of the late President.

WASHINGTON, July 13.

The City this morning and throughout the day, exhibited tokens in every direction of extraordinary solemnity. The National colors were displayed at half mast and dressed in sable.

The President's house—the several departments and other public buildings were clothed in mourning. In Pennsylvania avenue and several other streets the same ensign was displayed. The cars from Baltimore, and the various steamboats and other public conveyances were crowded with passengers, and from every direction people came in with solemnity depicted on their countenances, to pay the last tribute of respect to their late Chief Magistrate.

The troops were formed at 11 o'clock, and presented a most imposing and at the same time solemn appearance. The Senators and Representatives met in their respective chambers, and after the usual exercises and having put on the badges of mourning, they withdrew to the President's mansion, from whence the grand civil and military procession was to move.

The doors of the executive mansion were opened at 9 o'clock, A. M., for the admission of the Heads of Departments, Foreign Ministers and others. The crowd filled every avenue leading to the mansion, not appropriated to military and other bodies that were to take part in the procession. The members of the Cabinet—the Diplomatic Corps—the Pull bearers and those of the two houses of Congress, who could be admitted, occupied the east room. Col. Bliss, Col. Taylor and other relatives of the late President occupied a position near the remains. The foreign ministers all appeared in full court costume. The inscription on the coffin plate is as follows:

"Zachary Taylor, President of the United States, aged 66 years." The coffin is a most magnificent piece of workmanship. It is covered with black velvet, the edges being of silver, with huge silver tassels looped with gold fringed bullions. The countenance of the deceased was unchanged though much emaciated. Mrs. Taylor would not consent to embalm the body. The coffin rested on a raised platform in the east room, enveloped with black crape. As soon as all had assembled the Rev. S. Payne, D.D., of the Protestant Episcopal Church, performed the solemn burial service of his Church, during which many an eye was moist, many unable to control their feelings sobbed aloud. The Rev. gentleman delivered an eloquent discourse, the family of the deceased being within hearing of it. The coffin was then removed from the White House and placed upon the funeral car, near which stood the favorite war horse of the departed chief—Old Whitey, being appointed to follow the car to the place of interment. The funeral car was a plain hearse, under a raised canopy, beautifully ornamented, the American Eagle being represented in the centre. It was drawn by eight white horses with black housings. The procession moved at 2 o'clock, P. M., minute guns being fired. The Pull bearers were Messrs. Clay, Cass, Berrien, Winthrop, Benton, Webster and fourteen others. The troops were under the command of Gen. Scott in brilliant uniform, which with muffled drum and badges of mourning, presented an imposing appearance. The procession was one mile and a half in length. Flowers were strewn along Pennsylvania avenue for several hundred yards, leading from the President's mansion.

The procession has been estimated at 16,000, the military at 900, besides six companies of artillery. There were 19 bands of music, comprising some hundreds of instruments, which, as they pealed forth their solemn sounds along the avenue, clothed as it was in mourning, and densely crowded, had an effect beyond description. On arriving in front of the burial ground the military escort was formed in two lines, the first being the detachment appointed to fire the last volley, facing the cemetery, and 30 paces from the second.

The Battery of artillery took a position on the rising ground about 100 paces in the rear of the 2nd line. The burying ground was occupied at an early hour, by thousands of people anxious to secure places for obtaining good views of the closing obsequies. The body was received by the sexton of the burying ground, when the Episcopal service was read and another salute fired. The body was then placed in the receiving vault and the crowd dispersed—thus closing the funeral pageant, which was of the most imposing character. The mournful tone of the music, the solemn tread of the soldiers, the tolling of bells and the booming of minute guns, filled all hearts with sorrow; and every person present seemed to realize the fact that a great and good man had fallen—that a soldier, a patriot and an honest man had departed from among us forever.

Mrs. Taylor did not accompany the procession. She will to-morrow visit the tomb in company with the family of the deceased. By the request of the family, prayers were performed in the room with the remains of the late President, when none but more relatives were present.

Gen. Scott went hither over the remains of his distinguished companion in arms. Signor Fazzani, an Italian artist, yesterday took a sketch of the head and face of Gen. Taylor, before he was put in the coffin. No cast was taken, the family being unwilling that the skin should be disfigured. Although considerably emaciated, the face of the deceased resembled much the appearance of life.

CONGRESSIONAL.
WASHINGTON, July 15.

SENATE.—Mr. Cooper presented the proceedings of a meeting in favor of the Compromise Bill. Several memorials in favor of a revision of the tariff were presented and referred to the committee on Manufactures. Mr. Webster, from the

Committee on the obsequies of the funeral of the late President, reported a joint resolution instructing the President of the U. S., to transmit to Mrs. Taylor a copy of the proceedings of the two houses of Congress, on the 10th inst., relating to the death of the late President, assuring her of their high respect for his personal character, and their sincere condolence for her bereavement, which were unanimously adopted.

Mr. Webster also from the same committee, reported a bill, granting the franking privilege to Mrs. Taylor, which was unanimously passed.

Mr. Cass from the committee of Funeral Arrangements, reported an order directing the printing of ten thousand copies of the proceedings in the Senate and House, relative to the death of President Taylor, together with the funeral discourse for the Senate, and 20 thousand copies for the House. A bill was received from the House, granting the franking privilege to Mrs. Taylor, which was taken up and passed. Mr. Clay then called up the Omnibus bill.

The Hon. Daniel Webster is said to have accepted the post of Secretary of State. Hon. Jas. A. Pearce, of Md., takes the Navy department.

WASHINGTON, July 16.

SENATE.—Mr. Rusk spoke in reply to the remarks of Mr. Benton, yesterday, relative to the northern boundary of Texas, arguing at some length in support of the title of Texas to the Rio Grande.

Mr. Clay followed in defence of the action of the committee, relative to the boundary of Texas. After rebuking Benton severely for an intimation made by him, yesterday, that the sum to be paid to Texas was a scheme of auctioneering for votes.

Mr. Benton rejoined after some farther colloquy between Benton and Clay.

Mr. Webster rose to address the Senate on the general merits of the bill, till yielded to a motion to postpone the subject till to-morrow, which was agreed to. Mr. Webster gave notice of a bill for the erection of a monument to Gen. Zachary Taylor in the Congressional burying ground.

HOUSE.—Mr. Strong offered a resolution that the debate on the report of the committee on elections against the admission of Mr. Smith, delegate from New Mexico, shall terminate in two hours after House again goes into committee. Finally a motion to end debate to-morrow, was adopted.

WASHINGTON, July 16.

It seems now to be a settled fact that Webster will be Secretary of State.

WASHINGTON, July 17.

Benton's speech is all the talk, especially his exposition of bribery to Texas. He has bothered the compromisers considerably. There is considerable curiosity to hear Rusk's defence.

The unfavorable accounts of the cholera have alarmed some members about home, and there is a disposition to wind up or snap off the Congressional thread abruptly.

CINCINNATI, July 17.

There were 26 deaths by cholera, yesterday, and 42 by other diseases.

Later from Mexico—Dreadful ravages of Cholera.
BALTIMORE, July 17.

The New Orleans papers received by the mails, have dates from the city of Mexico to the 25th of June. The cholera was raging to a frightful extent there—200 a day dying. During a month, there had been 8,000 cases, and 2,700 deaths. At Zacatecas, the cholera was equally as bad, the deaths averaging 80 per day. On account of the prevalence of the cholera, the Mexican Congress were unable to obtain a quorum.

It was rumored at Vera Cruz, that the deaths by cholera average 1,000 per day.

The Popes return was celebrated in grand style in the city of Mexico.

The approaching Presidential election is exciting much interest. One paper mentions Santa Anna as a candidate, who is ineligible, not being a resident.

ST. LOUIS, July 16.

The City Register reports 212 deaths last week, of which 77 are reported to have died from cholera. Of the whole number 163 were children under 5 years of age. This statement shows a marked decrease of mortality from the previous week.

A FLYING MACHINE.—A Captain Targart, of Lowell, ascended in a balloon from Lowell on the 4th inst. He has invented a machine by which he is enabled to direct the movements of the balloon, and he is said to have been perfectly successful in this experiment. He was up one and a half hours, travelled about seventy-five miles, and showed himself over Dracut, Tewksbury, Haverhill, Reading, Andover, Danvers, Ipswich, Georgetown, Lawrence, Melburn, Salem, and other towns. He also went some distance out to sea. On his way back to Lowell, at Middleton, the gearing to his flying machine broke. Had not this accident happened, he would have landed in or near Lowell, on the very spot from which he set out, perhaps.

Col. Todd, General Harrison's aid in the war of 1812, and lately Minister to Prussia, has left Kentucky and gone to reside in Minnesota.

Tricks of the Trade.
A gentleman doing business in this city, had a horse whose only fault was his great aversion to crossing a bridge, it being nearly impossible to drive him over any bridge. The gentleman sent the horse to an auctioneer in this city, to be sold, stating his fault, but warranting him in every other particular. The next day there appeared an advertisement of the horse, warranting him precisely kind and gentle, and stating that he was sold for no fault, except that his owner was wishing to leave the city.

Another auctioneer having a horse to sell which was so unbroken and vicious, that he would not allow a harness or a riding saddle to be put on his back, advertised the animal as equally kind under the saddle or in harness.—*Boston Traveller.*

A Gaming Scene.

This propensity for gambling, which seemed to be very prevalent, was, on one occasion, productive of a scene that well nigh terminated fatally. The parties comprised were a Mr. B— and his wife; the latter a very young and rather pretty woman, but with "shrew" very legible written on her features. She had often, it seems, remonstrated with, then rated, then abused him, for indulging in this fatal passion, which necessarily impoverished them. He turned a deaf ear, however, to her remonstrances, and was equally proof against her abuse. On the evening in question, she became so exasperated, that she seized a knife that he wore in his waist-belt, and dealt him a blow, which had it struck him as intended, must have stretched him a corpse at her feet. Fortunately she missed her aim, owing to the nimbleness in evading the stroke, which, descending upon his bare arm—for he had his shirt-sleeves tucked up—laid it open, inflicting a ghastly wound. Regardless of this mischief, and, possibly apprehensive of a second attack, he dexterously closed with her, and wrung the weapon from her grasp, completing his victory by bearing her bodily to the ground, on which he held her as in a vice; until, after a determined conflict for the space of fifteen minutes, her strength gave way, and she succumbed. The horror of this scene few, who beheld it, will ever forget. Even in the midst of her struggles, she strove to bite; and, failing to revenge herself in this manner, spat in his face and kicked him, reckless of decency; finally, giving vent to her fury in language perfectly appalling in atrocity. Several peace-makers stepped forward, and we believed their efforts had succeeded in allaying the tempest; when, on being liberated, she suddenly sprang upon her infant; and, with her hair all dishevelled, her face flushed with rage, and her eyes glaring with the frenzy of unnatural excitement, rushed up the companion ladder, and made for the side of the vessel, evidently bent upon sacrificing the little infant, and, possibly, herself. She was frustrated in her murderous intent by the interposition of the Captain, who snatched the child out of her arms, and forcibly detained her by pinning her back against the bulkheads. He remonstrated with her very sensibly, but, I fear, with little permanent effect; although the result of his admonition was to bring the tears into her eyes, and to send her back, much dejected, into the cabin, where her husband was having his wound dressed.—*Adventures in California.*

How Mr. Adonija Miller celebrated the Fourth.

Mr. A. D. J. Miller, (as he writes his name,) is a gentleman of solitary habits. To avoid the risk of quarreling over his cups, like the barbarous Sythians—he drinks all alone, and keeps a demijohn of good liquor constantly in his room, where, by a tacit agreement between him and his lady, he may "carry on" as he pleases, provided he does not make noise enough to disturb Mrs. Miller, in the next apartment.

Yesterday, Mr. Miller prepared himself for a celebration, *solo*, by procuring a box of good cigars and having his demijohn well filled, resolving on a total abandonment to the fire of patriotism and the smoke of tobacco. About eleven o'clock, Mrs. Miller heard an extraordinary sound proceeding from the cell of the recluse; this sound was produced by an effort of Mr. Miller to sing a patriotic song. This was a violation of the compact, for it was enjoined on Mr. Miller, (as previously stated,) not to make himself heard during his hours of relaxation. "What are you about there, Mijah?" cried Mrs. Miller, from the adjoining room. "Celebrating the Fourth," answered Mr. M., with enthusiasm. "Well, ain't you 'most done with it?" enquired the old lady. "Done!" repeated Miller, "not beginning to be done, I've got the Declaration to read, an oration to make, Hail Columbia and the Star Spangled Banner to sing, and about forty toasts to drink; to say nothing of hurraying, and all that sort of thing."

"You've got a declaration to make! I'd like to hear you! Can't you do it in a low voice? and all them other things too, hurraying and hailing Columbia, can't you do them in a whisper?" "No!" indignantly responded Mr. Miller, "I must speak out. Am I not a free man?" "Heavens!" ejaculated Mrs. Miller, "you married twenty years ago and talk about being a free man! It won't do, Mijah; I'll have to take away your demijohn." "I'll perish before I surrender," exclaimed Miller heroically. "Take notice he shouted, as Mrs. M. entered his apartment, "this is Independence day—no submission to tyrants—touch that demijohn and you die!" Miller seized a boot and brandished it like the club of Hercules, the heel, (more by accident than design,) coming in contact with Mrs. M.'s mouth, knocked out the only two teeth the unfortunate lady had left. Her screams brought a crowd of neighbors by whose assistance the ferociously independent Miller was delivered into the hands of the law. Bound over in \$300 to keep the peace.—*Pennsylvanian.*

A Delicate Intimation.

A verandah fellow from the country entered a jeweller's store yesterday, with a whip under his arm, and his hands in his pockets, and after looking about a while, leaned over the counter and whispered confidentially to the clerk, so as not to be overheard by the ladies standing near: "Hey you got any bosom-companies?" The clerk, not understanding the question answered in the negative. "I guess you have," said the green 'un. "I mean studs."

IMPORTANCE OF A COMMA.—In a future received from the chief constable of Denbigh, England, by the parish authorities, which contains the dismissal of one of their police officers, the crime is stated to be, "For attempting to marry his wife, being alive."

Creditors never annoy a man as long as he is getting up in the world. A man of wealth pays his butcher once a year. Let him but overtake him, and his meat bill will come in every morning as regular breakfast and hungry children. Again we say, never plead guilty to poverty. So far as this world is concerned you had better admit that you are a unmitigated scoundrel. Never let people work for you gratis. If you do, you will never get out of their debt in all eternity. Two years ago a man carried a bundle for us to Boston, five of cost. The consequence is that we have been lending him two shillings a week ever since.

The Olive Branch tells a capital story of a sarcastic old fellow, who, being asked one day by "person A," if he had any treasures laid up in heaven?—replied with a doleful look, "Sartin, sartin; I guess they must be there if any where. I haint got none laid up t'home I say sartin!"

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION.—The bill to exempt the Homestead of families from attachment and levy or sale on execution, has passed the New Hampshire House of Representatives by vote of 180 to 77.

A Mrs. Toomey, of New Albany, Ia., as we learn from the Ledger of that place, celebrated the Fourth in fine style, giving birth to three children, two boys and a girl forming a glorious trio—the right kind of a federal Arch—and weighing thirty pounds in the aggregate. We go in for giving Mrs. Toomey the premium for babies at the Ohio State Fair this Fall. The Hoosier State for ever for "thumping luck and fat babies!"—*Cin. Day.*

A lady took umbrage at the use of a gentleman of a very common word, of which the primary and most obvious sense was unexceptionable, while its more remote and unusual signification was indecent. "I beg pardon," said the offender, apologetically; "I certainly did not mean what you were thinking of"—a retort which was as philosophical as it was just and severe.

General Santa Anna is still at Carthage, occupied with cock fighting, an old and a ruling passion with him; and by way of diversifying his amusements, he writes for the newspapers. "O world, thy slippery turns!" The man who, but the other day, was at the head of an Empire, and measuring his strength with Generals Taylor and Scott is now an exile, and reduced, for want of better occupation, to cock fighting and pamphlet writing. We never pitied him before.

At a public meeting in Cleveland, on Friday last in honor of the memory of Gen. Taylor, addresses were delivered by Hon. Wm. Johnston and the Hon. Keuben Wood, the candidates for Governor of the two great parties in this State.

The New York insurance companies have resolved hereafter not to insure any building in which saltpetre is stored, putting it on a par with gunpowder.

The mails which conveyed the news of the death of General Taylor, to Europe were sealed in black.

The City of Cincinnati has now 12 wards the 11th having been divided at a late meeting of the council.

Mr. Squier, our charge to Central America, who has returned, will go back to Nicaragua. He has come to get out a book, we learn, on the present condition of that country.—*Ex.*

PANAMA RAILROAD.—Mr. Trantwine, Engineer of the Panama Railroad, says that the most active measures are in progress for its construction.

"Los," one of the Washington correspondents of the *Baltimore Sun*, says that the President on the 4th inst., (the day preceding his sickness,) dined late, and ate freely of cucumbers, cabbage and cherries, and winding off with a glass of milk.

AGE OF GEN. TAYLOR.—Gen. Taylor was born in Orange county, Virginia, in the year 1790, and died at Washington, D. C., on the 10th day of July, 1850, at the age of 60 years.

BROKE JAIL.—Eighteen prisoners made escape from the Cuyahoga (O.) county jail, on Wednesday night last.

G. P. R. James, the English novelist, who is now in New York, says that he came merely on a pleasure excursion to this country, and has no intention of doing as many of his countrymen have done, accept our hospitality and then go home and make fun of the universal Yankee nation.

ABSENTEEISM.—The State of Conhuila has passed a law fining members of the Legislature \$100 for non-attendance, and if they continue negligent, depriving them of their rights of citizenship during the time for which they may be elected.

The Mormons being about to depart from Kanesville, Iowa, (where they have been temporarily sojourning) for the city of the Salt Lake, their High Council issued orders permitting each branch of the church to have a farewell ball.

Two young students of Oglethorpe University, near Milledgeville, Georgia, were instantly killed on the 26th ult., by lightning.

A Pelican was shot a few days ago in the Big Miami, a few miles above Hamilton.

EXTERMINATING THE INDIANS.—A general order from Major General Brooke, appears in the Texas papers, in which he announces that he is about to begin a war of extermination against the tribes of hostile Indians who have so long infested the borders of Texas. He has mustered and disposed his force, and hopes in less than two months to have put an end to their depredations.

The Pittsburgh Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, at its late session at Canton, Ohio, expelled the Rev. Mr. McAbee, for a s. He was one of the most esteemed and influential preachers in the Circuit. The devil, however, was too strong for him.